

**SCHEDULE A: LAW SCHOOLS IN ONTARIO**

**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**

*Note: New Law School in Ontario. Established in September 2013*

<b>DURATION</b>	<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>FIRST YEAR MANDATORY AND ELECTIVE COURSES (IF ANY)</b>	<b>FAMILY LAW RELATED COURSES/ PROGRAMS</b>
3-year JD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of minimum 3 years full-time undergraduate studies at a recognized university. Preference is given to applicants with an undergraduate degree. An overall academic standing of B+/75% is required with an A-/80% in the last 2 years of study.</li> <li>• Applicants also need to have done their LSAT, provide a personal statement, and two reference letters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian Constitutional Law</li> <li>• Contract Law</li> <li>• Criminal Law</li> <li>• Tort Law</li> <li>• Foundations of Canadian Law</li> <li>• Indigenous Legal Traditions</li> <li>• Professional Responsibility</li> <li>• Property Law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAW3510: Family Law               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mandatory for second year students starting 2016 onwards.</li> <li>○ Upper year Family Law course can either be taken in the fall or winter semester.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LAW2555: Trust Law</li> <li>• LAW3530: Small Practice Essentials: Will &amp; Estates, and Real Estate.</li> </ul>

**FAMILY LAW RELATED OPPORTUNITIES AT LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**

<b>FAMILY LAW AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>FAMILY LAW MOOT/ADVOCACY</b>	<b>PLACEMENTS AND CLINICS THAT PROVIDE FAMILY LAW SERVICE/ PLACEMENTS</b>	<b>PRO BONO STUDENTS OF CANADA (PBSC) FAMILY LAW RELATED PROGRAMS</b>
None.	None.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-month placement that is mandatory for third year students.</li> </ul>	None.

## OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL

DURATION	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	FIRST YEAR MANDATORY AND ELECTIVE COURSES (IF ANY)	FAMILY LAW RELATED COURSES/ PROGRAMS
3-year JD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a minimum of 3 years of study at a recognized university.</li> <li>• No minimum CGPA but generally, successful applicants have at least 3.7 CGPA.</li> <li>• Applicants with less than 3 years of university are eligible to apply if: They are at least 26 years of age and they have a minimum of 5 years of non-academic experience.</li> <li>• LSAT               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ No minimum LSAT score but generally, successful applicants have an LSAT score of the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile or better.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proof of English language proficiency is required unless:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) English is your first language; OR</li> <li>2) You have completed a minimum of 1 year of full-time study at an accredited</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>First year students are required to take all mandatory courses as well as one elective course.</p> <p><u>Mandatory Courses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethical Lawyering in the Global Community</li> <li>• Legal Process</li> <li>• State and Citizen: Canadian Public and Constitutional Law</li> <li>• Contracts</li> <li>• Criminal Law</li> </ul>	<p><u>JD Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3010B.03: Administration of Civil Justice: Estate Litigation (Seminar)</li> <li>• 2020.04: Business Associations (Course)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ There are four courses taught by four different professors with four different approaches, one of which is focused on small practice, social justice or business, and human rights.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 5230.03: Children And The Law (Seminar)</li> <li>• 2040.04: Conflict of Laws (Course)</li> <li>• 3980.03: Dispute Settlement (Seminar)</li> <li>• 2050.04: Estates (Course)</li> </ul>

	<p>post-secondary institution in a country where English is the official language of instruction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torts</li> <li>• Property Law</li> </ul> <p><u>Elective Courses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Theory Seminar</li> <li>• Perspective Option</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2060.04: Family Law (Course)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are three courses taught by three different professors with three different approaches to Family Law.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 5120.03: Family Law II - Family Law Policy (Seminar)</li> <li>• 3004.03: Health Law (Seminar)</li> <li>• 4270.04: Immigration (Seminar)</li> <li>• 3039.03: Law, Gender, Equality (Seminar)</li> <li>• 3960.04: Lawyer as Negotiator (Seminar)</li> <li>• 3591R.03: Legal Values: Current Issues in Reproduction &amp; the Law (Seminar)</li> <li>• 3591Y.03: Legal Values: Managing Family Law Cases (Seminar)</li> <li>• 5007.03: Litigation Dispute Resolution and the Administration of Justice Colloquium (Seminar)</li> <li>• 2470.04: Refugee Law (Course)</li> <li>• 3910.03: Sexuality and the Law (Seminar)</li> <li>• 2080.04: Taxation Law (Course)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are three courses taught by three different professors with three different</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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			<p>approaches to Taxation Law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2090.04: Trusts (Course)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ There are two courses taught by two different professors with two different approaches to Trusts.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><u>Part-time LLM Specializations Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mandatory<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ LAW 6121P: Family Law: Themes, Theories, Controversies and Context</li></ul></li><li>• Electives<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ LAW 6125P: Care of Children</li><li>○ LAW 6122P: Economic Issues: Child and Spousal Support</li><li>○ LAW 6123: Economic Issues: Property, Pensions and Possession of the Home</li><li>○ LAW 6126P: International Family Law Issues</li><li>○ 6327: Major Research Paper: Family Law</li><li>○ LAW 6127: Non-Adversarial Resolution to Family Disputes</li></ul></li></ul>
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**FAMILY LAW RELATED OPPORTUNITIES AT OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL**

<b>FAMILY LAW AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>FAMILY LAW MOOT/ADVOCACY</b>	<b>PLACEMENTS AND CLINICS THAT PROVIDE FAMILY LAW SERVICE/ PLACEMENTS</b>	<b>PRO BONO STUDENTS OF CANADA (PBSC) FAMILY LAW RELATED PROGRAMS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carl Orbach, Q.C. Prize in Family Law</li> <li>• Kevin Dunsmuir Memorial Prize in the Area of Family Law</li> <li>• Annie Langstaff Macdonald Prize</li> <li>• Justice M.M. Van Camp Prize in Family Law</li> <li>• Albert Weisbrot, Q.C. Prize</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walsh Family Law Moot</li> </ul>	<p><u>Placements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40-hour mandatory placement called the “Osgoode Public Interest Requirement (OPIR)”</li> </ul> <p><u>Clinics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP)</li> <li>• Osgoode Mediation Clinic</li> </ul>	<p><u>Projects Exclusively for First Year Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Law Rotation: Students participate in a series of lunch sessions and have the opportunity to work in the field and develop important networking contacts with leaders in Ontario family law.</li> </ul> <p><u>Projects Exclusively for Upper Year Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Law Project: Upper year students work hand-in-hand with in-court counsel at family law courts across the City to assist unrepresented litigants.</li> </ul>

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

DURATION	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	FIRST YEAR MANDATORY AND ELECTIVE COURSES (IF ANY)	FAMILY LAW RELATED COURSES/ PROGRAMS
<p>3-year JD</p>	<p><b><u>First Year Applicants</u></b>                      Eligible applicants will have successfully completed a minimum of 3 years of full-time undergraduate studies at a recognized institution. Students apply under the General, Aboriginal or Access category.</p> <p><b><u>General Category</u></b>                      Your academic record and LSAT score are weighed most heavily. Competitive applicants have at least an "A-" average (80-84 percent, GPA 3.7) in the last 2 years of their undergraduate degree program at a full course load. If you did not complete a university degree, you must complete at least 3 full-time years of undergraduate degree program work at a recognized institution.</p> <p><b><u>Aboriginal Category</u></b>                      Must have successfully completed at least 3 years of postsecondary education at a recognized institution. To be admitted to any advanced-entry professional or graduate degree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Law</li> <li>• Constitutional Law</li> <li>• Criminal Law</li> <li>• Contracts Law</li> <li>• Property Law</li> <li>• Torts</li> <li>• Introduction to Legal Skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAW341, LAW342, LAW343, and LAW344: Alternative Dispute Resolution</li> <li>• LAW520: Family Law</li> <li>• LAW519: Children's Law</li> <li>• LAW550: Conflict for Laws</li> <li>• LAW527: Queen's Family Law Clinic</li> <li>• LAW360: Trial Advocacy (Family)</li> <li>• LAW695AB: Elder Law Clinic</li> <li>• LAW462: Wills and Estate Planning</li> </ul>

program at Queen's University, it is expected that previous academic credentials are from an institution providing an academic environment and education that prepares you for potential success in advanced study. If there is strong evidence of academic ability in the application, an exception might be made to the standard requirement of 3 years of full-time academic work at a recognized institution. The personal statement submitted in support of your application should explain your interest in and identification with your Aboriginal community. A copy of your status card can be submitted as your identification with an Aboriginal community. Alternatively, a non-academic letter of reference should be provided to corroborate the basis of the claim to Aboriginal status. You are also required to provide an academic letter of reference.

**PLSNP Program**

The Faculty of Law strongly supports the Program of Legal Studies for Native People (PLSNP) at the University of Saskatchewan's Native Law Centre. The Admissions Committee may admit you to the Aboriginal category unconditionally or subject to successfully completing the PLSNP. The Admissions Committee will endeavor to make decisions on completed applications early in the admissions cycle for this category to allow time for those with conditional offers to apply for admission to the Program of Legal Studies for Native People, provided that you have written the LSAT by the December test date.

- LAW463: Trusts
- LAW645: Estate Litigation



**Access Category**

The Admissions Committee will consider your disability, educational and financial disadvantage, membership in a historically disadvantaged group, age, life experience or any other factor relating either to educational barriers you faced, or to your ability to enrich the diversity of the law school community and the legal profession. You must supply documentation supporting your claims in this regard. You must demonstrate that you have strong potential to complete the JD program. Traditional measures of academic performance and LSAT scores may be given comparatively less weight in this category, while non-academic experience and personal factors confirming your special circumstances or unique qualities may be given comparatively more weight. You must demonstrate the ability to reason and analyze, to express yourself effectively orally and in writing, and that you possess the skills and attributes necessary to cope with the demands of law school. The extent and quality of your work or life experience may be a better indicator of your suitability and capacity for success in law school, than your academic achievement. Please be aware that a cumulative undergraduate average of less than a "B" (70-74 percent, CGPA 3.0) and an LSAT score of less than 151 are normally not competitive for admission.

**Upper Year Applicants**

Students apply for upper year admission if they are enrolled in a common law LL.B or JD degree at another law school in Canada or

outside Canada, or have completed a law degree in a foreign jurisdiction.

The number of openings in each upper year category is dependent on the internal attrition rates at the law school. Usually, the number of places available in each category cannot be known precisely until late June. The number of places is never large and occasionally there are no places at all. In particular, there have been very few openings for the admission of National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) applicants. Only applicants who have attained at least a "B" average in previous years of study in law will be considered for admission in all upper-year categories. If you have failed one or more courses in law school or in the NCA process, you will not be considered for admission. At least 1 academic letter of reference must be provided from a law professor who can comment on your academic abilities. For transfer and Letter of Permission applicants, a letter is required from the Dean or Associate Dean Academic of the current law school attesting that you are in good standing and have not been the subject of any disciplinary sanction on academic or non-academic grounds, nor otherwise been found to have engaged in misconduct.

Provided that the application is competitive on academic factors, priority will be given to the admission of transfer or Letter of Permission applicants who seek to return to their home province from a Canadian law school outside Ontario and to applicants seeking to transfer between Ontario law schools. Curriculum-related grounds and career path reasons supporting the application

will be considered. Consideration will be given to compelling compassionate or personal grounds supporting the application. Documentation corroborating the grounds should be provided to support the application.

**English Proficiency for First Year and Upper Year Applicants**

TOEFL score is required if you are not fluent in English. If you completed at least 3 years of full-time study at a recognized university where courses the official language of instruction is English, you may request an exemption from the TOEFL requirement. A request for exemption must be supported by an academic letter of reference that attests to your fluency in written and spoken English. Test results from the iBT TOEFL are preferred. Under the old TOEFL scoring system, no applicant with a TOEFL score of less than 600/250 and a TWE of less than 5.0 was considered. Standards for the new TOEFL iBT are a minimum total score of no less than 100, with a minimum of 24 on the Writing section, no less than 22 on the Speaking section, no less than 24 on the Reading section and no less than 20 on the Listening section.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P. E. Newbury Prize in Family Law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walsh Family Law Moot (Family)</li> <li>• Walsh Family Negotiations Competition (Negotiated Settlements)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Law Clinic within Queen's University</li> <li>• LAW621: Family and Children's Law Placement program (previously called Clinical Family)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An elective course offered each term to upper year students. Students in this course are placed with a professional or agency in the family and children's law field. Some of the placements will require the students to do some research, document drafting or client interviewing, but the primary focus is on learning from observation, review of files, reflection with the placement supervisor, and class discussion. There is no scheduled class time, but there will be several class meetings arranged at times that do not conflict with any student's schedule. Students are required to keep a course log and write a short reflective piece. The placements include: Children's Aid Society, Family Court Duty Counsel, Family Court Judges, Frontenac Youth Diversion, Victim Witness Program and Family Law Lawyers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>None.</p>

## UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

DURATION	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	FIRST YEAR MANDATORY AND ELECTIVE COURSES (IF ANY)	FAMILY LAW RELATED COURSES/ PROGRAMS
<p>No information.</p>	<p><u>First Year Applicants</u></p> <p>There are 3 main categories that a first year applicant can apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) General Category</li> <li>2) Discretionary Categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants who are applying as Mature, Access or Aboriginal fall under the Discretionary Categories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mature: Must have at least 5 years of non-university experience since leaving high school and a minimum 2 years full-time (or equivalent) university study. A competitive candidate in the Mature category will have an overall average of B+ (78% / 3.3 GPA) and an LSAT score above the 65th percentile. Mature applicants are asked to provide a resume as a supplementary document when filing their application.</li> <li>○ Access: These are applicants whose academic performance has been affected by a proven</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>As part of the Orientation to Law &amp; the Legal System Course, first year students will engage in an intensive 3-day training period in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Students will receive instruction on the theory and practice of ADR, participate in simulation exercises to learn negotiation and mediation skills, and receive individual feedback from experienced practitioners.</p> <p>First year students are required to take all mandatory courses as well as one elective course:</p> <p><u>Mandatory Courses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5110: Constitutional Law</li> <li>• 5115: Contracts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5675: Estate Planning</li> <li>• 5680: Wills</li> <li>• 5230: Trusts</li> <li>• 5402: Seminar Advanced Family Law</li> <li>• 5410: Children's Law</li> <li>• 5415: Family Law</li> <li>• 5871: Selected Topics: Family Law in Ancient Greece and Rome</li> </ul> <p><u>Combined Degree Program: Western/L'Université Laval Joint Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective: Offer Western and Laval students the possibility of</li> </ul>

<p>disadvantage which may include, but not limited to, cultural, financial, medical, or physical barriers, and/or a learning disability. Candidates must describe how the disadvantage has affected their academic record and must provide supporting references and documentation. Applicants are required to provide full documentation from qualified professionals on their disability and its effect on their academic record or LSAT scores, including information on whether the LSAT was written with accommodations. To be considered for financial disadvantage, the extent of the work should be at least 30 hours of work per week during the academic year and must be documented by a letter from the employer(s). Although grades may have been affected by a proven disadvantage, applicants must show evidence of their potential to succeed at law school. This will require at least one academic year of competitive grades among a minimum of three years full-time (or equivalent) undergraduate university study. A competitive candidate will have an overall average of B+ (78% / 3.3 GPA) and an LSAT score above the 65th percentile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aboriginal: The Faculty recognizes that members of First Nations, Inuit and Métis are not adequately represented within the legal profession and therefore strongly encourages applications from these groups. Aboriginal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5120: Criminal Law</li> <li>● 5155: Orientation to Law &amp; the Legal System</li> <li>● 5150: Legal Ethics and Professionalism</li> <li>● 5135: Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy</li> <li>● 5140: Property</li> <li>● 5145: Torts</li> </ul> <p><u>Elective Courses in Winter Term</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5150: Legal Ethics and Professionalism</li> <li>● Corporate Law</li> </ul>	<p>obtaining a law degree from the institution in the other legal system. This will allow the students not only the opportunity of developing their skills in the other official language and their knowledge of the other legal system, but it will also allow them to have access to both the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Barreau du Québec.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family Law Related Program of Study for Western Students at Laval:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Droit des personnes physiques et de la famille (DRT-1004)</li> <li>▪ Droit de la famille (DRT-2252)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Family Law Related Program of Study for Laval Students at Western:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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candidates may be admitted unconditionally, or subject to the successful completion of the Program of Legal Studies for Native People at the University of Saskatchewan. Upon successful completion of the program, credit will be given for Property Law. A competitive candidate in the Aboriginal category will have an overall average of B+ (78% / 3.3 GPA) and an LSAT score above the 60th percentile. Applicants are also required to provide proof of status. A minimum of three years of full-time (or equivalent) undergraduate university study is required. Financial assistance is available for Métis and Non-Status Indians through the Department of Justice Canada's Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)'s Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) provides financial assistance to First Nation and eligible Inuit students who are enrolled in eligible post-secondary programs. Additional federal assistance is also available to indigenous students from several other sources.

### 3) Canadian Forces Applications

- Medically released personnel from the Canadian Forces apply under the Canadian Forces Access Category directly to the Faculty of Law by November 1 for September admission the following year. All other Canadian Forces personnel should apply in either the General category or the Mature

category through the Ontario Law School Application Service.

**Upper Year Applicants**

There are 3 main categories that an upper year applicant can apply to:

- 1) **Transfer Applicants**
  - Students currently enrolled in first year at another Canadian law school may be admitted to the second year of Western's JD program. They would receive Western's JD degree upon successful completion of all program requirements.
- 2) **Advanced Standing Applicants**
  - Students who have completed part or all of their legal education outside Canada may be admitted to the second year of Western's JD program. Except in extraordinary circumstances, candidates would not receive more than 1 year's advanced standing and they would receive Western's JD degree upon successful completion of all program requirements.
- 3) **Letter of Permission Applicants**
  - Students currently enrolled at a Canadian law school may be admitted to study at Western Law for 1 year on a letter of permission from their home institution and must complete a program of courses approved by their home institution. Letter of



permission students do not receive Western's JD degree. Rather, they receive their law degree from their home institution.

**Upper Year Applicants Admission Considerations**

The following are major considerations in upper year admissions decisions:

- the availability of places in second and third year courses
- compassionate grounds, if applicable
- academic performance in law school

**Upper Year Applicants Foreign Transcripts**

- Applicants who have undertaken undergraduate studies outside of Canada and the United States must have their foreign transcript(s) assessed by World Education Services, or equivalent credential evaluation service. This is not required for graduate studies, although an assessment may be requested.

**Extended-time JD Program**

The Extended-time JD Program is available for up to 5 students entering first year. The program is designed for students who cannot manage a full-time program because of family responsibilities, health problems, disabilities,

financial necessity, or other special circumstances.

If you are interested, you should include as part of your application a separate statement outlining why you may not be able to carry a full course load. Alternatively, this could be discussed in your personal statement. You should apply to the Extended-time JD program at the same time as you apply to first year law through the Ontario Law School Application Service. You are required to meet existing admissions criteria for the admissions category in which you apply.

If admitted, you would be required to take in first year law a minimum of four courses: Orientation to Law and the Legal System, Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy, and two of the following five core courses: Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Property, or Torts. You would be required to have a flexible schedule, as this is not an evening program. Most of the courses are offered during the day.

The program must be completed within six years. However, you may be permitted to transfer to full-time attendance if desired. Similarly, current full-time students who meet the eligibility criteria may transfer into the Extended-time Program. Extended-time students are eligible for any entry scholarships or bursaries that are not restricted to full-time students, as well as any prizes or

	<p>awards in individual courses.</p> <p><b><u>English Proficiency</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of English proficiency is required if English is not your first language and your university education was in a language other than English. Applicants for whom English is not a first language are required to achieve a satisfactory score on one of the following tests: TOEFL, MELAB, IELTS.</li> </ul>		
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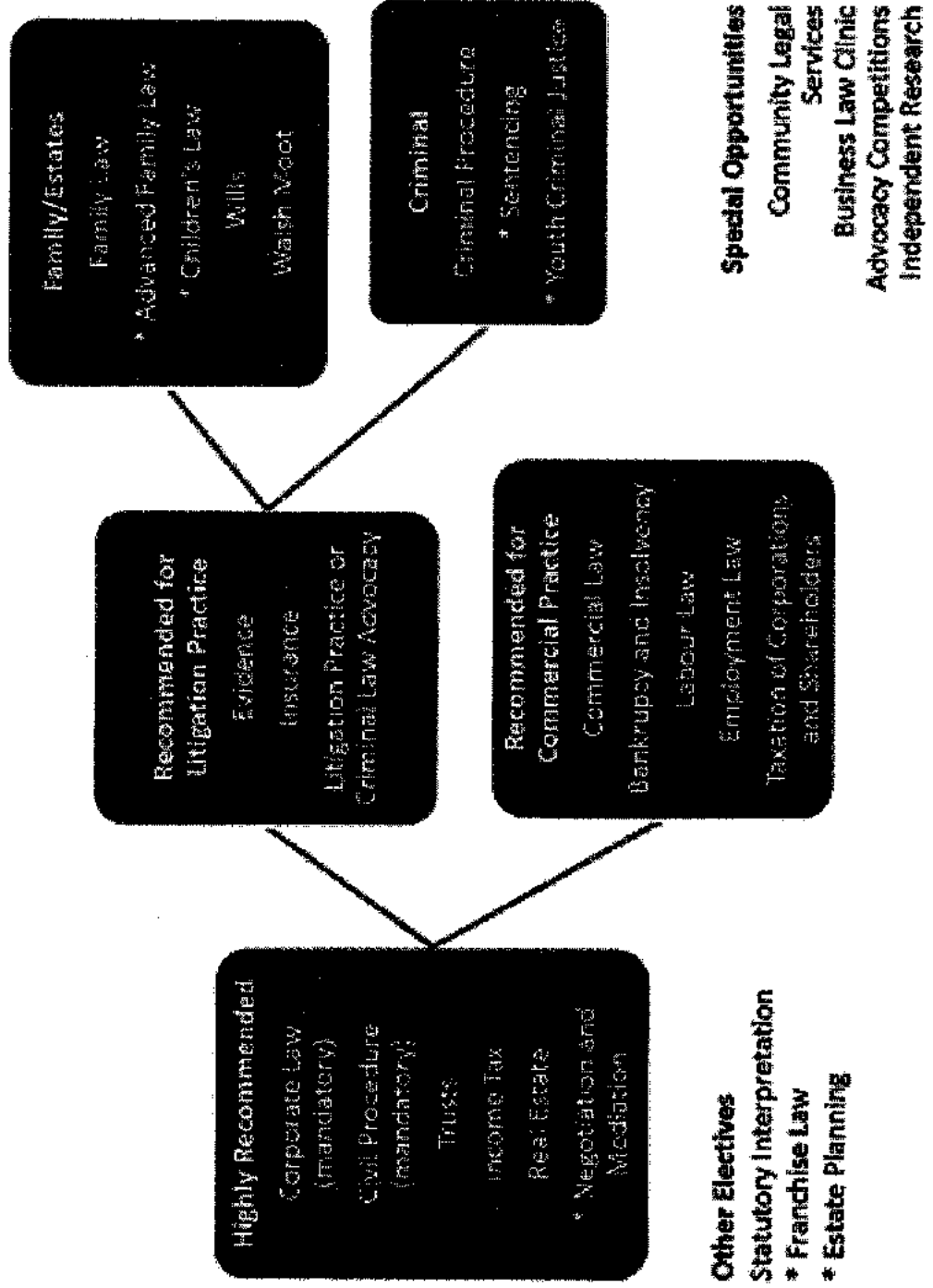
Note:

University of Western Ontario offers Curricular Streams, which provide students with informal guidance on the courses and co-curricular activities they may wish to pursue in light of their personal interests and career aspirations. Students do not formally enroll in these streams and should not feel compelled to adhere to one. The streams simply provide advice for navigating a course of study – helping students to understand the relationships among courses and to progress toward more advanced study in an area, if desired. They also provide suggestions on the types of experiential learning, clinical work, research or advocacy opportunities that can enhance students’ understanding and skills. Each curricular stream will culminate in an optional “capstone” course in the spring of third year, which will bring together theoretical, practical and interdisciplinary components and will require students to apply the knowledge and skills that they have gained over the course of the JD program. The capstone courses are intended to assist students in making the transition from legal education to legal practice. There are many other practice areas that are not reflected in the curricular streams, but in which Western Law nevertheless offers specialty courses (e.g. tax law, environmental law, family law).

A curricular stream for students interested in a small or specialty practice (such as Family Law) or are currently undecided as to their career goals has been created by the University. It is called the “Universal and Specialty Practice” stream. It covers a broad range of courses that will be relevant to many areas of practice. Students are also encouraged to participate in a variety of co-curricular activities, including Western Law’s legal clinics and advocacy competitions.

The diagram below depicts the “Universal Specialty Practice” stream that a student may wish to go through in order to achieve their intended goal of practicing in small or specialty practice or have an idea of the pathway one goes through in order to be eligible for small or specialty practice. For more information visit: [http://law.uwo.ca/future\\_students/curricular\\_streams/index.html](http://law.uwo.ca/future_students/curricular_streams/index.html).

## Universal or Specialty Practice



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<b>FAMILY LAW AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>FAMILY LAW MOOT/ADVOCACY</b>	<b>PLACEMENTS AND CLINICS THAT PROVIDE FAMILY LAW SERVICE/ PLACEMENTS</b>	<b>PRO BONO STUDENTS OF CANADA (PBSC) FAMILY LAW RELATED PROGRAMS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Granger Award in Family Law</li> <li>• Morris Kroll Memorial Award</li> <li>• C.C.H. Canadian Limited Prize</li> <li>• J.G. McLeod Scholarship in Family Law</li> </ul>	<p><u>Advocacy Program</u></p> <p>Upper year students can compete in external advocacy competitions for academic credit during the January Intensive period. These include the Jessup (sponsored by McCarthy Tétraut LLP); the Laskin; Wilson; Bowman Tax; Walsh Family; Gale; Canadian Corporate/Securities Law; Mathews, Dinsdale &amp; Clark LLP National Labour Law Moot; and Harold Fox IP Moot competitions. The Faculty also enters teams in the Kawaskimhon (a talking circle focusing on issues of aboriginal law), and the Arnup Cup (a trial advocacy competition among Ontario law schools)</p>	<p><u>Community Legal Services (CLS) Placements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the supervision of a family lawyer, students can help clients with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Custody and Access</li> <li>○ Child support</li> <li>○ Spousal support</li> <li>○ In some cases: divorce and restraining orders</li> <li>○ Drafting Powers of Attorney</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CLS is unable to assist with child protection (involving the Children's Aid Society), equalization of net family property, adoptions, or annulments at this time.</li> </ul> <p><u>CLS Placements for Second year and Third year students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To qualify as a caseworker, students must take 1 of 3 clinical courses:</li> </ul>	<p><u>The Family Law Project</u></p> <p>FLP volunteers assist low-income, unrepresented family law litigants in the completion of court documents, under the supervision of Legal Aid Ontario lawyers. The office does not deal with divorces, separations, or property matters. Most issues involve custody, access, spousal support, and child support. It should be noted that students do not provide legal advice.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Litigation Practice</li> <li>○ Criminal Law Advocacy</li> <li>○ Advanced Litigation Practice</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There are also some specialized teams (non-credit) where students can volunteer.</li> <li>● CLS caseworkers handle all aspects of a client file, from first interview all the way to trial. You will have a real client with a real file and you appear in front of a real judge. All cases are closely supervised by CLS lawyers.</li> <li>● Under the leadership of CLS Director Doug Ferguson, CLS lawyers (called review counsel) supervise around 1,000 files per year.</li> </ul> <p><u>CLS Placements for First Year Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CLS takes a total of 32 first year students, half in each semester. As an associate caseworker, students will be assigned to an upper year student supervisor. Students will meet weekly with the supervisor, and students will:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attend a minimum of two duty hours.</li> <li>○ Attend at least one court or tribunal hearing.</li> <li>○ Participate in a Public Legal Education project.</li> <li>○ Attend a minimum of two intake</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<p>interviews with new clients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Research an area of law for a client file.</li><li>○ Attend a trial preparation meeting.</li></ul> <p><u>CLS Placements for Summer Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● CLS hires around 10 law students for summer positions. These students remain with CLS in the following academic year to act as supervisors who assist the other students working in the clinic.</li></ul> <p><u>Powers of Attorney</u></p> <p>At CLS, our student caseworkers may draft for you a Power of Attorney for Personal Care and/or a Power of Attorney for Property.</p> <p><u>Dispute Resolution Centre</u></p> <p>“Please note that we do not mediate family law disputes or criminal charges, <b><u>due to the sensitive nature of these matters.</u></b> We also cannot mediate disputes that involve a client of Community Legal Services.”</p>	
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## UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

DURATION	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	FIRST YEAR MANDATORY AND ELECTIVE COURSES (IF ANY)	FAMILY LAW RELATED COURSES/ PROGRAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-year JD (full-time)</li> <li>• 6-year JD (half-time)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Applying as a First Year Student</u></b></p> <p>You will need to submit the following materials on or before that deadline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS) form</li> <li>• University of Windsor Personal Profile</li> <li>• Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that you have attended</li> <li>• Current official LSAT score report, including all LSAT scores written in the past six years</li> <li>• 2 letters of reference (one academic and one non-academic)* on the forms specifically provided for this purpose</li> </ul> <p>*Those applicants who have attended a post-secondary institution during the 3 years prior to the application are required to submit at least 1 academic reference. Reference forms are provided and, when completed, should be forwarded directly to the OLSAS by the referee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property</li> <li>• Contracts</li> <li>• Access to Justice</li> <li>• Criminal Law and Procedure</li> <li>• Legal Writing and Research</li> <li>• Constitutional Law</li> <li>• Torts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 08-98-844-1: Advanced Family Law</li> <li>• 08-98-907-1, 08-98-907-3, OR 08-98-907-4: Civil Trial Advocacy</li> <li>• 08-98-841-1: Estate Planning and Administration</li> <li>• 08-98-843-1: Family Law</li> <li>• 08-98-965-01: Judicial Internship – Family Law – Provincial Court Windsor</li> <li>• 08-98-828-1: Lawyer as Conflict Resolver</li> <li>• 08-98-840-1: Wills and Succession</li> <li>• 08-98-926: Clinical Law</li> </ul>



**Applying as a Transfer Student**

We welcome applications from students who have successfully completed the first year of a J.D. or an LL.B. program at another Canadian common law school. In addition to meeting the normal admission criteria, admission of transfer students is subject to space availability.

**Applying as a Visiting Student**

Students from other Canadian common law schools are invited to spend their second or third years as a visiting student at Windsor Law. Applicants should supply a current law school transcript plus a letter of permission from their current law school. Admission is also subject to availability.

**Applying as an Aboriginal Canadian Student**

As part of our commitment to improve access to justice, the Faculty of Law encourages native Canadians to pursue legal studies. Aboriginal Canadians should use the same application process as first year students, although the LSAT requirement may be waived in some cases upon special application. Aboriginal Canadian applicants will receive either an unconditional or a conditional admission to Windsor Law. Those who receive conditional admission must complete the Program of Legal Studies for Native People offered every summer by the Native Law Centre at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Applying for Advanced Standing**

Placement – Chatham-Kent  
Legal Clinic (students will draft  
Wills and Powers of Attorney)

If you have attended law school in a foreign country or are already practicing law outside of Canada, you can apply for advanced standing toward a J.D. degree. This would allow you to receive your Windsor Law degree in 2 years instead of 3. If you believe your work and education experience qualifies you to complete your studies in less than 2 years, then you should apply for a Certificate of Equivalence from the National Committee on Accreditation. Note that you will not receive a degree from the University of Windsor.

**Half-time student**

The Faculty of Law has a limited enrolment Half-Time Law Study Program intended for those unable to study full-time. The program cannot be completed through evening courses only. Applicants must meet the Faculty's general admission requirements or special admission requirements for Native Canadians. Applicants must also demonstrate they are unable to attend law school on a full-time basis because of one or more of the following:

- Exceptional family obligations either to young children or dependents (including persons with disabilities or requiring special care) requiring their presence at home.
- Substantial financial hardship: e.g. loss or reduction in employment imposing significant financial hardship with particular attention being given to single income families, people on limited or tentative incomes.
- Due to health or disability of the applicant.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Career: In very limited circumstances, consideration may also be given to occupational involvement where an applicant is established in a public service career whose work would be assisted and improved by the study of law.</li></ul> <p>All candidates must attach to their regular application, a written statement and any supporting documents relevant to their need to attend the Half-Time program. The written statement and supporting documentation must establish that the candidate meets the criteria for admission and must include a detailed explanation of why she/he is unable to attend as a full-time student. Half-time students are fully integrated into the full-time program and complete their program through a combination of day, late afternoon and evening classes. All regular academic and extra-curricular programs are available to half-time students. Persons may, in subsequent years, apply or may be required to complete their studies on a full-time basis, as their factual circumstances vary and warrant.</p> <p><b><u>Admission Criteria</u></b></p> <p>We review all applications for admission through a holistic lens. Candidates have the opportunity to provide a range of information that supports their application for entry. Candidates must follow procedures and submit documentation required for the year they wish to enter. The Admissions Committee establishes the admission policy and criteria, as well as procedures for the assessment of applications. The committee consists of the Dean of</p>		
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the Faculty of Law (ex officio), the Associate Dean as Chair, the Assistant Dean (Student Services) as Vice Chair, professors and students. Admission criteria and procedures are established by the Admission Committee for each admission year. Admission criteria and procedures for the current entering class are set out below.

The objective of the admission policy is to select those students who will excel in the study of law and who have the potential to contribute creatively and meaningfully to the law school and the community. The majority of applicants are considered by the Admission Committee in the framework of the following criteria:

**1) University Program**

This category comprises undergraduate average and academic performance trends in light of relevant considerations; awards and prizes; the nature and content of the program taken; the level of any degree(s) or diplomas obtained.

**2) Work Experience**

Part-time, summer and full-time work experience is analyzed for signs of organizational and administrative skills as well as initiative. Vocational, professional or other special qualifications will be considered.

**3) Community Involvement**

Contribution to the community (city/town; university; religious; etc.) will be assessed for indications of commitment to the community. Factors examined include the nature of the applicant's participation in service clubs, community service organizations, religious, athletic, and

	<p>social organizations.</p> <p><b>4) Personal Accomplishments</b> Factors can include extracurricular activities, hobbies and special accomplishments; artistic and athletic accomplishments; communication skills and languages spoken.</p> <p><b>5) Career Objectives</b> The applicant's career objectives, including how and where the legal education will be employed, are considered.</p> <p><b>6) Personal Considerations</b> Personal factors affecting the applicant are recognized in this section. Any personal factors such as illness, bereavement, unusual family responsibilities or other such circumstances which may have some bearing on the applicant's qualifications will be noted.</p> <p><b>7) Law School Admission Test Scores</b> All applicants must write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).</p> <p>We emphasize that no one single factor is solely determinative of admission to the law school. The chief source of information about applicants is their Personal Profile. Applicants should take care to present a full and rounded view of themselves in their Personal Profile.</p> <p>The application and the Personal Profile have been developed to provide the applicant with the opportunity to assemble a</p>	
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persuasive case for admission. Members of the Admission Committee will assess the information provided to determine whether the applicant is likely to succeed in law studies, has social skills, relates well to people, has talent for administration and organization (particularly of his or her own time), has a well-developed and focused career plan based upon a sound perception of his or her capabilities and displays leadership qualities and writing skills.

In the application, the applicant is expected to identify significant experiences and accomplishments and to indicate how they relate to the admission criteria. For example, particular experiences (work, cultural, sporting and academic) should be described in sufficient detail to permit the evaluator to make an assessment. Any experience, which demonstrates that the applicant is self-disciplined and committed to excellence in any field, should be described.

Further, Committee members are interested in those experiences that tend to show that the applicant is devoted to self-improvement and involvement in the community and service to others. Contributions to hospitals, charitable organizations, religious institutions, disadvantaged and underprivileged groups and individuals, political parties and athletics will, among other activities, help to demonstrate this. Letters from the institution evidencing the nature, scope and degree of the applicant's involvement are helpful to the Admissions Committee.

If the candidate is a member of a group disadvantaged for any reason, these circumstances should be made known.

**FAMILY LAW RELATED OPPORTUNITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR**

<b>FAMILY LAW AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>FAMILY LAW MOOT/ADVOCACY</b>	<b>PLACEMENTS AND CLINICS THAT PROVIDE FAMILY LAW SERVICE/ PLACEMENTS</b>	<b>PRO BONO STUDENTS OF CANADA (PBSC) FAMILY LAW RELATED PROGRAMS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sockley Kamin Memorial Bursary</li> <li>• Joseph Micallef Memorial Award in Family Law</li> <li>• Madam Justice Mary Jo Nolan Award in Family Law</li> <li>• Sharon White-Ducharme Memorial Award</li> <li>• Zuber Moot Factum Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walsh Family Law Negotiation</li> <li>• Walsh Family Law Moot</li> </ul>	<p><u>Judicial Internships:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Northwest Territories Clerkship Program: Students serve as clerks to the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories for one term.</li> <li>• Ontario Court of Justice Clerkships: Students spend one day weekly working with judges.</li> <li>• Provincial Court (Windsor) – Family</li> <li>• Provincial Court (Newmarket) – Family &amp; Criminal</li> </ul>	<p><u>Family Law Project (FLP)</u></p> <p>As a student volunteer, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill a real need among those without legal representation.</li> <li>• Learn and practice skills applicable both in and outside of family law.</li> <li>• Have a clear understanding of how the court system works</li> <li>• Deal with concrete issues faced in the Family Courts.</li> </ul> <p>Student responsibilities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3.5 hour weekly commitment for at least one school year semester, starting in September 2016</li> <li>• Attendance at the mandatory FLP training held in September 2016</li> <li>• Attendance at the mandatory General PBSC Student Training</li> </ul>

			<p><u>Volunteer Qualifications</u></p> <p>For the Courts Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You must be a second or third year student</li><li>• Volunteers who have taken (or are currently enrolled in) Family Law will be given precedence.</li></ul>
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## UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

*Note: This University offers programs and courses in French and English*

DURATION	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	FIRST YEAR MANDATORY AND ELECTIVE COURSES (IF ANY)	FAMILY LAW RELATED COURSES/ PROGRAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-year JD (Full-time)</li> <li>• 6-year JD (Half-time)</li> <li>• 8-month JD (National Program)</li> <li>• 3-year General Certificate in Law</li> </ul>	<p><b>General Applicants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This category is to be used by all applicants into the first year of the JD program (or one of the joint programs) unless they feel they qualify to apply in one of the discretionary categories listed.</li> <li>• Undergraduate academic performance is a significant factor in the evaluation process. Most successful applicants have at least an A- average overall (CGPA).</li> <li>• LSAT is mandatory for all applicants. There is no set minimum required score for the LSAT. However, your LSAT results and writing sample are elements that will be considered by the Admissions Committee. The weight given to the LSAT will vary according to the other elements of your application.</li> <li>• The Personal Statement is a very important part of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are to take on of the substantive law courses as well as legal writing, legal research, and computer-assisted research in a small group format.</li> <li>• Mandatory courses:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Criminal Law and Procedure</li> <li>○ Torts</li> <li>○ Property</li> <li>○ Contract</li> <li>○ Introduction to Public Law and Constitutional Law</li> <li>○ Dispute Resolution and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>JD Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CML1106: Dispute Resolution in Family Law</li> <li>• CML1107: Torts</li> <li>• CML1108: Property</li> <li>• CML1508: Droit des biens</li> <li>• CML2305: Introduction to Family Law</li> <li>• CML2366: Mediation Involving Families</li> <li>• CML2705:</li> </ul>

<p>application and should be written with care. You must also submit to OLSAS 2 letters of reference. While at least 1 reference must be from an academic source, it is preferable to have 2 academic references. You are also required to send your up to date official transcripts for all your post-secondary studies directly to OLSAS.</p> <p><b><u>General Category - Special Circumstances</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you feel that significant one-time events, which occurred during your undergraduate studies, affected your academic performance during a specific academic term or year, you can inform the Admissions Committee.</li> <li>• In order to provide the information relating to these special circumstances, please use the dedicated screen provided for that purpose in the on-line application form. Be sure to indicate which term or terms were affected. Please provide supporting documents where appropriate. The undergraduate academic record of applicants in this category will be reviewed in light of the information provided</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Aboriginal Applicants</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons of Aboriginal ancestry, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, may apply as either General or Specific category applicants. As Specific category applicants, persons of Aboriginal ancestry who meet the Mature category requirements may apply under</li> </ul>	<p>Professional Responsibility (includes Conflict Resolution Studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Principals of Legal Research</li> <li>o First-Year Thematic Course</li> </ul> <p><u>General certificate in law first year Mandatory Courses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCC2117: Introduction to the Study of Law</li> <li>• DCC2118: General Public Law</li> <li>• DCC2119: Protection of Rights and Freedoms</li> </ul>	<p>Introduction au droit de la famille</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CML3105: Selected Topics in Family Law</li> <li>• CML3144: Defending Battered Women on Trial</li> <li>• CML3183: Women and the Legal Profession</li> <li>• CML3206: Wills and the Law of Succession</li> <li>• CML3248: Introduction Legal Aid Clinic Course</li> <li>• CML3250: Advanced Clinical Course in Community Law</li> <li>• CML3307: Trusts</li> <li>• CML3353: Children and the Law</li> <li>• CML3359: Matrimonial Property</li> </ul>
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	<p>both the Mature and Aboriginal categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The personal statement should discuss work, personal and community experiences, and other factors relevant to the application. In your statement it is important that you explain the degree to which you identify with your Aboriginal community. There should be some indication given, if appropriate, of the extent to which you have been involved in your Aboriginal community. Aboriginal ancestry and membership may be indicative of identity and can act as good proxies for culture and colonial experience, but there must be some evidence of a connection to Aboriginal culture and/or family impact of colonization in your personal statement. Proof of Aboriginal ancestry and membership is required but can take a number of forms, such as any evidence of connection and membership in an Aboriginal community.</li> <li>• You must submit an up-to-date resume along with your personal statement. 2 letters of reference are also required, at least 1 of which should be from an academic source and the other a non-academic letter supporting your connection to community. You must also include your proof of Aboriginal ancestry or membership. Please ensure that OLSAS receives all of your post-secondary transcripts.</li> <li>• The Admissions Committee may admit applicants in the Aboriginal category unconditionally or subject to successful completion of the Program of Legal Studies for Native People. It is, therefore, crucial that</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CML3363: Advanced Family Law</li> <li>• CML3366: Collaborative Family Law Practice</li> <li>• CML3370: Estate Planning</li> <li>• CML3449: Clinical Legal Aid II</li> <li>• CML3460: Clinical Legal Aid III</li> <li>• CML3505: Thèmes choisis en droit de la famille</li> <li>• CML3506: Testaments et successions</li> <li>• CM3763: Droit de la famille approfondi</li> <li>• CML3780: Les femmes et le droit</li> <li>• CML3774: Méthodes de rechange pour le règlement de</li> </ul>
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	<p>Aboriginal applicants complete their files as quickly as possible so that the Admissions Committee can make its decision in time for eligible applicants to begin the Program of Legal Studies for Native People in Saskatchewan or "Le programme prédroit pour les Autochtones" at the University of Ottawa for French-speaking Aboriginal applicants.</p> <p><b><u>Mature Applicants</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to qualify as a mature student, at the time of application, a person:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must have five or more years of work or other non-academic experience since completing secondary school studies. The period of non-academic experience may include part-time, but not full time, post-secondary studies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consideration will be given to any previous academic performance and the LSAT, as well as relevant outstanding qualities, as evidenced by previous career and/or life experiences. The academic program in law school is very demanding and so it is recommended that demonstration of capacity for academic success include satisfactory completion of at least one course of University study. Applicants in this category must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.</li> <li>• Mature applicants must also submit to OLSAS an up-to-date resume along with their personal statement. 2 letters of reference are also required, at least 1 of which</li> </ul>	<p>différends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CML4382: Feminist Legal Issues</li> </ul> <p><b><u>LLM Program</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCL5131: Children's Rights: An Interdisciplinary Approach</li> </ul> <p><b><u>General Certificate in Law Program</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCC 3103: Law of Persons and Family Law</li> <li>• DCC4161: Children and the Law</li> <li>• DCC3503: Droit des personnes et de la famille</li> <li>• DCC4753: Droit de l'enfance</li> </ul>
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should come from an academic source. If you are unable to obtain a letter of reference from an academic source, please choose referees who are able to speak to your abilities as they relate to law school, namely your ability to analyze, write, conduct research, work in groups, and organize your time. Please make sure that OLSAS has received all your post-secondary transcripts.

#### Access Applicants

- This category is for students who have experienced barriers of a systemic, ongoing nature, or who are from groups which have experienced identifiable social or economic barriers to education.
- Access applicants must provide to OLSAS all information required of General Category applicants, namely a completed on-line application form (including the Personal Statement), official transcripts of all post-secondary studies and 2 letters of reference. At least 1 of these letters must come from an academic source, but it is preferable to have two academic letters of reference.
- When explaining your reasons for applying in this category, please use the dedicated screen provided for that purpose in the on-line application form, not in your Personal Statement. The undergraduate academic record of Access applicants will be reviewed in light of

the information provided. Please provide supporting documentation where appropriate.

**Upper Year Applicants**

The Faculty of Law, Common Law Section accepts applications in the upper years on the following bases:

- 1) Transfer Applicants
  - Transfer applications into the second year of the JD program will be accepted only from students who have successfully completed the first year of the JD program in a Canadian Common Law School. Students who have undertaken or completed their legal studies outside of Canada cannot apply in this category.
  - Transfer applicants must explain why they want to study at the University of Ottawa. The Personal Statement should be used to describe personal, academic and professional reasons why you wish to continue law studies in Ottawa. Applicants who have compelling circumstances that make it difficult to be away from Ottawa will be given priority.
  - Applicants in this category must submit their official law school transcripts, 2 letters of reference, including at least 1 from a law professor, as well as a letter from the Dean of the current law

school attesting to the fact that the student is in good standing and has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions. LSAT results are not required for Transfer applicants. Applications are to be completed online. As the number of spaces available is limited, any delay in completing an application can prejudice the likelihood of being admitted.

2) Letter of Permission Applicants

- Students who wish to complete 1 semester or 1 full year of their law studies at the University of Ottawa as visiting students, with the permission of their law school, can apply in this category.
- The Personal Statement should be used to describe personal, academic and professional reasons why you wish to study at the University of Ottawa. Applicants who have compelling circumstances that make it difficult to be away from Ottawa will be given priority.
- Applicants in this category must submit their official law school transcripts, two letters of reference, including at least one from a law professor, as well as a letter from the Dean of the current law school attesting to the fact that the student is in good standing and has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions. LSAT results are not required for Letter of Permission applicants.

Applications are to be completed online. As the number of spaces available is limited, any delay in completing an application can prejudice the likelihood of being admitted.

### 3) Continuing Education and Special Students

- The Faculty of Common Law will allow lawyers who are members of the bar of a Canadian province or territory, to apply to take second or third year courses in order to expand their knowledge in specific areas of law. If you are a lawyer and are interested in taking a course as a Special Student, please send an e-mail to [clawacad@uottawa.ca](mailto:clawacad@uottawa.ca) outlining your reasons for applying to the Faculty of Law. You must also include the course you are interested in taken, along with a copy of your resume.
- Candidates are assessed on their experience. Admission is also depending on the number of spaces available on the course or courses selected. Registration must be completed directly in person at the Law School before the end of the Course Change Period for the relevant academic term.
- A lawyer admitted as a Special Student can choose to take a course as an auditor or as a student (for credit). Please note that Tuition Fees are higher if you wish to obtain academic units for the course. An auditor can also attend lectures, but can't submit assignments or write examinations. Academic



units obtained as a Special Student, can't be transferred towards a Common Law Program. Persons wishing to complete their NCA requirements can't take courses as Special Students. They must apply for admission to the Faculty under the NCA category.

#### 4) National Program Applicants

- The Common Law Section's National Program is designed to immerse graduates of Canadian civil law schools in the common law tradition. This 8-month program leads to a "JD - National Program" degree. The aim of the National Program has always been to produce "National Lawyers", lawyers who understand and appreciate the full richness of Canada's diverse legal traditions.
- Who Should Enroll in the National Program?
  - Persons who want to practice law in any Canadian or foreign common law jurisdiction. National Program graduates are qualified to practice law in any common law jurisdiction in Canada and the world.
  - Persons who intend to practice law in Quebec with firms or organizations who deal with national and international matters.
  - Persons wishing to work in the bilingual and bicultural atmosphere of the federal government and related organizations.
  - Persons wishing to work internationally where knowledge of both legal traditions is